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SUBJ: TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES OIL

SITUATION

1. FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA PRESENTED HIS MINISTRY'S BUDGET ESTIMATES TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JULY 2. THIS IS USUAL OCCASION FOR MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT. ONE OF TOPICS HE DISCUSSED THIS YEAR WAS PROBLEM CREATED BY INCREASE IN PRICE OF OIL.

2. MALECELA ARGUED THAT USE OF OIL AS ONE WEAPON IN FIGHTING IMPERIALISM IS GOOD THING. TANZANIA AND ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES SUPPORT ARABS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL ARABS OBTAIN JUSTICE. HE BLAMED LARGE IMPERIALIST OIL COMPANIES FOR CHEATING ARABS AND FOR BLEEDING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN TRADE RELATIONS. HE NOTED MAJOR PROBLEMS FACES TANZANIA AS RESULT OF INCREASE IN PRICE OF OIL. THIS AFFECTS TANZANIAN ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS. TANZANIA'S GOAL IS TO EXPLAIN

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HOW THIS PROBLEM CAN BE DEALT WITH IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL

FORA. HE RECALLED THAT OAU APPOINTED SEVEN-NATION COMMITTEE, OF WHICH TANZANIA IS MEMBER, FOR SEEKING WAYS TO SOLVE SITUATION, ESPECIALLY REDUCTION IN HIGH PRICE OF OIL FOR NON-OIL PRODUCING AFRICAN NATIONS.

3. OAU COMMITTEE HAS REACHED VARIOUS AGREEMENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ARAB LEAGUE WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY LAST OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE. ARAB OIL PRODUCING NATIONS HAVE CREATED LOAN FUND OF DOLS 200 MILLION TO BE USED BY AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. TERMS INCLUDE 8 YEAR REPAYMENT PERIOD, INCLUDING THREE YEAR GRACE PERIOD. INTEREST WILL BE ONE PERCENT WHICH WILL ONLY BE USED TO PAY ADMINISTRATION OF LOAN. MONEY WILL BE UNDER AUTHORITY OF OAU AND USED SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT. THEREFORE IT CAN BE LOANED AGAIN. ALTHOUGH THIS AID IS LOAN THIS SUM IS VERY SMALL COMPARED WITH NEEDS OF NON-OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN AFRICA. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT PERIOD FOR REPAYING LOAN IS TOO SHORT. MANY NATIONS, INCLUDING TANZANIA, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT NON-OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY WAY OF PROMPT CASH PAYMENTS OR THROUGH REDUCTION IN PRICE OF OIL UNDER SPECIAL FORMULA. IN FUTURE, THEREFORE, TANZANIA IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF OAU COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THESE MATTERS.

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